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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 4521

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, CS, NU

SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN FSLN CAPTIVE

REF: MANAGUA 4104

1. FAST BUILDING COSTA RICAN REACTION AGAINST NICARAGUA OVER COSTA RICAN FSLN CAPTIVE WAS NIPPED BY FONMIN FACIO'S ANNOUNCEMENT OCT. 22 THAT GON HAD PRODUCED CAPTIVE AND THAT SHE WAS WELL AND HAD NOT BEEN HARMED. PHOTOS PUBLISHED IN SAN JOSE PRESS WERE OF A COMELY YOUNG WOMAN CALMLY PUFFING A CIGARETTE AND SMILING AT CR CONSUL IN MANAGUA.

2. LOCAL PRESS CARRIED NICARAGUAN PRESS REPORTS OF MRS. BENAVIDES' DECLARATION ABOUT HER PARTICIPATION WITH SANDINISTAS. ALS REPORTED WAS HER EDUCATION IN CUBA.

3. FACIO ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT GOCR HAD REQUESTED
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THROUGH CR CONSULATE IN NICARAGUA THAT MRS. BENAVIDES

BE RENDERED ELEMENTAL GUARANTEES TO WHICH SHE HAS
A RIGHT.

4. COMMENT: PHOTOS OF MRS. BENAVIDES ALIVE AND
WELL, PLUS AN AIRING OF HER CUBAN BACKGROUND AND ADMITTED
REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES, HAVE REMOVED PRESSURE THAT WAS
FAST BUILDING FOR FONMINISTRY TO CONFRONT NICARAGUA.

5. EMBASSY MANAGUA HAS EMBASSY SAN JOSE'S CONGRATULATIONS
ON A JOB WELL DONE.
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